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In re Application of:  
LINDGREN, et al.

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Title: PROCESS FOR SIZING PAPER

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Docket No: ANO6162US/0160

Examiner: Peter Chin

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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action of December 10, 2002, subjecting the present claims 1-100 to an election of species requirement.

The requirement was unclear to the Applicants and the Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to provide further clarification of the election requirement by phone on March 10, 2003. The Examiner has explained that the requirement is to elect a species by identifying a sizing agent, a polymer having aromatic groups in the sizing dispersion, a single or dual polymer promoter addition, and a polymer promoter, all of which will define the elected species of the present invention.

Based on this clarification, Applicant provisionally elects for prosecution on the merits, with traverse, a species directed to a process for sizing paper as claimed in the above-identified application wherein the sizing agent is a cellulose-reactive sizing agent, such as ketene dimmer, the polymer having aromatic groups in the sizing dispersion is an anionic aromatic polymer, and a single polymer promoter addition is utilized wherein

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the polymer promoter is a cationic aromatic polymer. It is believed that claims 1-7 read upon the elected species.

In the accompanying Preliminary Amendment, claims 101-113 have been added to the application. It is believed that all of the newly added claims 101-113 read upon the elected species.


However, the election requirement is transversed because it is believed that a search and examination of all of the species at one time would not impose a serious burden on the Patent Office. It is respectfully requested that the instant election/restriction be removed.

In accordance with Section 714.01 of the M.P.E.P., the following information is presented in the event that the Examiner deems a call desirable:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as set forth herein. Applicants are providing the following amendments for entry in the application in accordance with AMENDMENTS IN A REVISED FORMAT NOW PERMITTED, signed January 31, 2003.

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